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(TEXT) NEW YORK--O. RORKE, THE OWNER OF THE VESSEL "VIOLIN-THREE" SEIZED BY THE BRITISH IN THE BAHAMAS AS IT WAS PREPARING TO ATTACK SOVIET VESSELS IN CUBA, SAID THAT HIS BOAT HAD BEEN USED REPEATEDLY IN RAIDS AGAINST CUBA, AS OFTEN AS NOT WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT'S KNOWLEDGE.

O. RORKE TOLD THE NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT THAT HIS BOAT HAD MADE 11 EXCURSIONS AGAINST CUBA SINCE LAST OCTOBER. ON EIGHT OF THEM, HE DECLARED, U. S. COLLEGE STUDENTS HAD PARTICIPATED. ACCORDING TO O'RORKE, THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAD ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRIPS.

THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE OWNER OF THE VESSEL STRESSED, HAD FINANCED SEVERAL TRIPS OF "VIOLIN-THREE" TO CUBA IN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER OF 1961.

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